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Main Entry: **1grind** ►

Pronunciation: 'grɪnd

Function: verb

Inflected Form(s): **ground** ► /'graʊnd/; **grind-ing**

Etymology: Middle English, from Old English *grindan*; akin to Latin *frendere* to crush, grind

Date: before 12th century

*transitive senses*

1 : to reduce to powder or small fragments by friction (as in a mill or with the teeth)

2 : to wear down, polish, or sharpen by friction <*grind* an ax>

3 a : OPPRESS, HARASS b : to weaken or destroy gradually -- usually used with *down* <*poverty ground her spirit down*>

4 a : to press together with a rotating motion <*grind* the teeth> b : to rub or press harshly <*ground* the cigarette out>

5 : to operate or produce by turning a crank <*grind* a hand organ>  
*intransitive senses*

1 : to perform the operation of grinding

2 : to become pulverized, polished, or sharpened by friction

3 : to move with difficulty or friction especially so as to make a grating noise <*gears grinding*>

4 : DRUDGE; especially : to study hard <*grind* for an exam>

5 : to rotate the hips in an erotic manner (as in a burlesque striptease)

- **grind-ing-ly** ► /'grɪn-di [ng]-lE/ adverb

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